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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
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FORUM ANNOUNCEMENT

May 20, 2020

1:00 P.M., Virtual Setting

**TO: Members, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and
Entrepreneurship**

FROM: Abby Finkenauer, Chairwoman

DATE: Monday, May 18, 2020

On **Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.**, the Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship will hold a virtual forum. The virtual forum will provide an opportunity for Small Business Committee Members to hear from rural leaders on the economic challenges facing rural communities. The focus will be on what is working well with SBA programs, what is not, and what more Congress can do to support rural economies during the global COVID-19 pandemic. The discussion will also explore SBA provisions, and other federal programs, that have been implemented to support the small business economy and how these programs are being utilized across rural communities. This virtual forum will take place via WebEx, information to be provided separately.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact Michael Stein, Counsel for the Committee, at 202-225-4038.

Panelist List

Mr. Bill Menner
Executive Director, Iowa Rural Development Council
Founder, The Bill Menner Group
Grinnell, IA

Ms. Melissa Moretz
Farmer, Moretz Farm
Commercial Portfolio Manager, First Citizens Bank
Mason City, IA

Ms. Ines Polonius
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Mr. Rick Ebert
President
Pennsylvania Farm Bureau
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